WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound having the structure of formula I:

wherein:

one of $-OR^1$ or $-OR^2$ is $-O^*QH^+$, and the other is hydroxyl or $-O^*QH^+$; and Q is

- (A) an optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine containing at least one nitrogen atom which, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺;
- (B) an amino acid containing at least two nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺; or
- (C) an amino acid containing one or more nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺ and where, further, all carboxylic acid groups of the amino acid are in the form of esters.
- 2. The compound of claim 1, wherein Q is an optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine containing at least one nitrogen atom which, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺.
- 3. The compound of Claim 2, wherein the nitrogen of Q forming the quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺ in the formula I is a primary amine bonded to an optionally substituted aliphatic group or a secondary amine bonded to two optionally substituted aliphatic groups, wherein the optional substituents are one or more hydroxyl or amino groups.
- 4. The compound of Claim 2, wherein Q is an optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine selected from the group consisting of ethanolamine, diethanolamine, ethylenediamine, diethylamine, triethanolamine, glucamine, N-methylglucamine,

ethylenediamine, 2-(4-imidazolyl) ethyl amine, choline, and hydrabamine and stereoisomers thereof.

- 5. The compound of Claim 1, wherein Q is an amino acid containing at least two nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺.
- 6. The compound of Claim 5, wherein said amino acid is selected from the group consisting of lysine, tryptophan, arginine, ornithine, proline, glutamine, asparagine, hydroxyproline and steroisomers thereof.
- 7. The compound of Claim 1, wherein Q is an amino acid containing one or more nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺ and where, further, all carboxylic acid groups of the amino acid are in the form of esters.
- 8. The compound of Claim 7, wherein Q is a glycine C_{1-6} alkyl ester.
- 9. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
- (a) a compound having the structure of formula I:

wherein:

one of $-OR^1$ or $-OR^2$ is $-O^-QH^+$, and the other is hydroxyl or $-O^-QH^+$; and Q is

- (A) an optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine containing at least one nitrogen atom which, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺;
- (B) an amino acid containing at least two nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺; or
- (C) an amino acid containing one or more nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺ and

- where, further, all carboxylic acid groups of the amino acid are in the form of esters; and
- (b) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier thereof.
- 10. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 9, wherein Q is an optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine containing at least one nitrogen atom which, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺.
- 11. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 9, wherein said optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine is selected from the group consisting of ethanolamine, diethanolamine, ethylenediamine, diethylamine, triethanolamine, glucamine, N-methylglucamine, ethylenediamine, 2-(4-imidazolyl) ethyl amine, choline, hydrabamine and stereoisomers thereof.
- 12. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 11, wherein the pH is adjusted by an agent other than sodium hydroxide.
- 13. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 9, wherein Q is an amino acid containing at least two nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺.
- 14. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 9, wherein said amino acid is selected from the group consisting of lysine, tryptophan, arginine, ornithine, proline, glutamine, asparagine, hydroxyproline and steroisomers thereof.
- 15. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 9, wherein Q is an amino acid containing one or more nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺ and where, further, all carboxylic acid groups of the amino acid are in the form of esters.
- 16. The pharmaceutical composition of Claim 9, wherein Q is a glycine C₁₋₆ alkyl ester.
- 17. A method of modulating tumor growth or metastasis in an animal comprising the administration of an amount effective therefor of a compound having the structure of formula I:

wherein:

one of $-OR^1$ or $-OR^2$ is $-O^-QH^+$, and the other is hydroxyl or $-O^-QH^+$; and Q is

- (A) an optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine containing at least one nitrogen atom which, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation OH⁺;
- (B) an amino acid containing at least two nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺; or
- (C) an amino acid containing one or more nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺ and where, further, all carboxylic acid groups of the amino acid are in the form of esters.
- 18. The method of Claim 17, wherein Q is an optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine containing at least one nitrogen atom which, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺.
- 19. The method of Claim 18, wherein the nitrogen of QH⁺ forming the quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺ in the formula I is a primary amine bonded to an optionally substituted aliphatic group or a secondary amine bonded to two optionally substituted aliphatic groups, wherein the optional substituents are one or more hydroxyl or amino groups.
- 20. The method of Claim 18 wherein said optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine is selected from the group consisting of ethanolamine, diethanolamine, ethylenediamine, diethylamine, triethanolamine, glucamine, N-methylglucamine, ethylenediamine, 2-(4-imidazolyl) ethyl amine, choline, hydrabamine and stereoisomers thereof.
- 21. The method of Claim 18, wherein Q is an amino acid containing at least two nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺.

- 22. The method of Claim 18, wherein said amino acid is selected from the group consisting of lysine, tryptophan, arginine, ornithine, proline, glutamine, asparagine, hydroxyproline, and steroisomers thereof.
- 23. The method of Claim 18, wherein Q is an amino acid containing one or more nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺ and where, further, all carboxylic acid groups of the amino acid are in the form of esters.
- 24. The method of Claim 18, wherein Q is a glycine C₁₋₆ alkyl ester.
- 25. A composition formed by mixing compounds comprising:
- (a) a CA4P free acid having the structure:

- (b) compound Q, wherein Q is
 - (A) an optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine containing at least one nitrogen atom which, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺;
 - (B) an amino acid containing at least two nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺; or
 - (C) an amino acid containing one or more nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺ and where, further, all carboxylic acid groups of the amino acid are in the form of esters.
- 26. The composition of claim 25 further comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 27. A process for preparing a compound of Claim 1, comprising the step of contacting, in a solvent, CA4P free acid having the structure:

with compound Q, wherein Q is

- (A) an optionally substituted aliphatic organic amine containing at least one nitrogen atom which, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺;
- (B) an amino acid containing at least two nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺; or
- (C) an amino acid containing one or more nitrogen atoms where one of the nitrogen atoms, together with a proton, forms a quaternary ammonium cation QH⁺ and where, further, all carboxylic acid groups of the amino acid are in the form of esters.
- 28. The process of Claim 27, wherein said compound of Claim 1 is precipitated in crystalline form from said solvent.